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**Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)**

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Anticipated Classification

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a

continuation
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application of pending prior Application No.09/634,406, filed on August 9, 2000.

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Title: BIOCOMPATIBLE COMPOUNDS FOR SUSTAINED RELEASE PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS (as amended)

1. Enclosed is a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the prior application.
2. Enclosed is a newly executed oath or declaration.
3. Enclosed is a copy of the specification as filed in the prior application.
4. Enclosed is a new specification.
5. Enclosed are sheet(s) of drawings.
6. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (not applicable for CIP)
7. Please cancel claims 1-41 and 88-188.
8. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
9. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: SCHALLINGER, Luke E. and PERMAN, Craig A.
10. The fee for filing the application is computed as follows:

Claims Remaining, After Accounting For Any Claims Canceled Or Added In Paragraphs 7 or 8 Above				
(1) For	(2) Number Filed	(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	Basic Fee
Total Claims	45 -20 =	25	x \$18.00	\$450.00
Independent Claims	1 -3 =	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims			\$280.00	0
Total amount due →				\$1190.00

11. Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required to file and during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested. A copy of this transmittal letter for fee processing is enclosed.

12. An assignment
 to 3M Innovative Properties Company is of record in the prior application.
 from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.
 to _____ is enclosed along with a completed Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.

13. A power of attorney is enclosed.

14. Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.

15. Other

Respectfully submitted,

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